# And how they carried it on from Time to Time,

## Sent in a Letter to his Grace *James* Duke of *Monmouth* from Doctor *Titus Oates*.

ABout ten years agone, this Kingdom I say, was got with Child, with a huge and horrible *Popish-plot*, it had neither Head nor Foot, but sixty thousand Rumps and Tails, and what d'ye call 'ems. Now Sir about five yeras agone---her Belly began to Gripe--- she made foul Faces and lookt very black in the Fundament, and fell into Labour with this Plot; and was very ill indeed, she father'd the Plot upon the *Jesuits*, and several other persons of Quality--and several of the *Papists* where hang'd and cut in peices and the rest Begger'd and Ruin'd, and all the able Men-Midwives in *England* were sent for, to help to deliver her of this great Belly: First that great States Midwife, *Shaftsbury*--who took his turn for four years together, and at the last with a full Resolution to fetch it out, thrust his hand a little too far, and broke a Leg or an Arm, and was forc'd to run away to save his Neck. Then was chose a Counsel of six of the able States Midwives in the Kingdom to try Experiments, amongst whom the Lord *Russel* scorning to be out done; fell to work Tooth and Nail; but being too hot upon't happens to lay hold on the Arse gut and all beshit his Fingers. Upon this misfortune he fell into a desperate passion: and in revenge resolved to cut his Majesties Throat, but just in the attempt his own Head dropt off.

Next comes Midwife *Gray*, but having just left his two Wives behind the Curtain which were really Sisters, and he not being able to satsfie one, his Horns on a sudden sprouted out so much longer than his Arms, that they goar'd *Brittain* into the Belly before he could reach it, which put her into such a Fit of Torture and Kicking, as frighted him out of his sence and sight of the World, that he was never seen since.

Then comes *E--x* with serious reserved deliberate gravity: And as soon as he had felt how it was with her--he pretended to wish that the *K.* did but know half so much as he did, but feeling the second time--she unmannerly slapt her Tail in his Eye, and pist in his Face--which caused some of the Deputy Midwives to laugh at him; which put the Earl into such a passion, ~~that he swore the K. had a hand in it--for which and other Crimes~~ he was clapt up; and in revenge he played the fool and cut his own Throat.

Then comes thundering *Tickle me Tom*, and he was so fooliſh Rash he'd needs father the Pug before it was Born; he was so in love with the Bastard that he attempted to cut of the Royal Line to make a King on't; which made *Brittain* up with her heel and hit him a dab o'th the Chops and farted in his Face, Gad, what does he do for madness, but transforms himself into the Spawn of a Makrel and was never heard of since.

Next comes Perking *Teckely*--though a Bastard he had an undoubted Right to the Imperial Crown of *England*, he laid both his Commissions, Life, ~~and his expected Crown, that he'd fetch it out the first attempt without~~ difficulty. Then he falls to work, Sir, upon the Brat, and got by the back with both hands at once---and pull'd it with such an undanted Courage that five hundred Rumps and Tails come off in his hands--and he lost his hold, which so inflam'd his Grace, that he turn'd up her Tail, and shewed her Nakedness to forty thousand of the Rabble--which made *Brittain* pull him

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by the Lugs---and wrapt a Ladys ſhitten Smock about his Chops and Eyes and ſent his Addle-head, Reeling, Blindfold from the Land of *Promiſe* to *Wapping*; where the other Sifter wip'd his Chops---and he ſputtered and Hector'd about and threatned Revenge for a while; at laſt was loſt in a Miſt; like *Æneas*, for ingratitude and never was heard of ſince--a great many more made the like attempt, with ſuch or worſe ſucceſs--and ſome hang'd, ſome in hold, ſome turn'd Trimmers, and the reſt run away: for juſt in the interim when the *K.* was to have been Murthered comes me in---one *Howard*, *Rumſey*, *Weſt*, and *Keeling*---and undertook to deliver this great Belly---and upon the word of a *Frieſt*, they handled it with ſuch Dexterity, that in a fortnights time, they brought out this great Monſter---and what do you think it was that made all this noiſe---e'en honeſt *Presbyter John*-- a Delicate Bade, but ſo ſtuft with *Soiciations*, Noble *Feer's Speech*; *Holy Leagues*, and *Covenants*, &c. that it was Farting full again: And being *Incubus* it ſpoke as ſoon as it was Born, and named above ſix-Hundred Fathers that were at the getting on't-*Shaftsburys*, *Tongue*, and my ſelf, three of the Chief-then drwing its Mouth on one ſide; Cry'd, You muſt all turn *Turks* or be damn'd-and ever ſince I have had a great Ambition to leave off my Hypocritical Jump, and turn *Muffty*. But how do you think this *Brat* ſerved us at laſt; for all we have lick't it into five hundred ſhapes and colours nothing ſerves its turn but ſpeaking truth with a Pox to the *Raſcal*: and has ſpoiled all our future proceedings; and we have loſt the Charter into the bargain. But as for Popiſh Commiſſions, Spaniſh Pilgrims, Black Bills, French Armies, *Pickerings* Guns, *Teuxbury* Muſtard Balls, Popiſh plots &c. I received ready mony for them, both from Court and City at once: but now, notwithſtanding all my Gaurds, I was arreſted three or four times a week, and have neither Plot nor Commiſſion to make a penny on, to help my ſelf withal; and my *Bums*, like a company of Ravenous Wolves, are ready to tear my heart out. But for *Weſts* Blunderbuſs, *Wildmans* Cannon, moſt of them are viſibly taken and Seized by the K.- Juſt now my ſacred perſon was ſeized for twenty pounds due for linnen, which I took up to wipe clean my Bum. To conclude Sir, unleſs our party can get to a head, before the K. calls a Parliament, all our Gang muſt of neceſſity flie to your Mightineſs for refuge-- Therefore I beſeech you let the *Sarraglio*, be forthwith made ready for me and my Retinue--for Bums, I ſhall carry fourſcore along with me, for Whores and Baudes, let there be two thouſand made ready: for I intended to out do *Solomon* in *Letchery*, *Mahomet* in *Blaſphmy*, and *Judas* in *Perjury* and *Treachery*.

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